

Request for Interview and Proposal for Discussion at Interview
App. Ser. No. 10/563,369, Kazunobu SAKAI
Examiner Yuriy Semenenko

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In this application, claims 1-6 have been rejected as being indefinite. The claims have been otherwise allowed, and this is the only issue remaining in the application. It is believed that this rejection is inappropriate, but applicant would in any case like the opportunity to discuss the rejection with the Examiner to see if there is some way to readily resolve this issue.

The Examiner questions the clarity of the claim by asking why the material of the inspection-use board has different properties on its surfaces. However, the specification discloses the structure and the reasons for the structure. The claims set forth the scope of protection that is sought. It is not necessary for definiteness, i.e. it is not necessary for clearly establishing the bounds of the claim, to specify why a component has different properties.

The Examiner goes on to state that these surfaces must have different optical properties from each other, and thus some limitation should point this out. However, to the extent necessary, this is what the claim does.

Thus, it is not seen how any further clarification is required.

Applicant request a telephone interview to discuss the above so as to try to resolve this issue. The Examiner is requested to contact Nils Pedersen at 240-994-0730 to set up the interview. Any time during afternoons of 8/19-8/21 would be suitable for applicant.

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